

Teamwork the key to success

IF Wycombe Wanderers decided to award a player of the year this season, there would be several candidates for the honour. Dave Bullock, Mick Holifield, Tony Horseman and Steve Perrin immediately spring to mind but one of the keys to the club's success has been their ability to allow individual talent to shine through team performances.

DAVE BULLOCK was unable to command a regular place last season but was the recognised centre half this term. He rarely had a bad game and dominated the aerial duels. One moment he will want to forget was his Oxford giveaway penalty but overall, this player was perhaps the most consistent in the squad. Made 63 appearances, two goals.

MICK HOLIFIELD'S improvement was so marked that he was on the verge of an England cap. His bursts of speed were particularly memorable and brought him 28 goals. Now firmly established in midfield, Mick tended to fade in some matches but had a habit of scoring vital goals. Made 60 appearances.

STEVE PERRIN was also in the England squad this season, in his first term in senior amateur football. Became a first choice striker in the side soon after he joined from college and also scored several crucial goals, notably against Ilford and Leytonstone. No doubt Steve's most memorable moment were his two goals against Newport in the F.A. Cup. Made 53 appearances, 29 goals.

and played both at full back and midfield during the term. At times looked slow but always gave 100 per cent effort during his 57 appearances.

DEREK GAMBLIN was disappointing this term and never reached his old high standard after breaking his knee cap early on. Sometimes slow to counteract danger but on other occasions looked the class player that won him many England caps. Twenty-three appearances, one goal.

TERRY REARDON enjoyed a new lease of life when he signed from Slough Town in November. His form improved to such an extent he won himself an England cap and played a key role in Wanderers title win. A brilliant distributor of the ball from midfield. Made 31 appearances with two goals.

KEITH SEARLE was arguably the best centre forward in amateur soccer when he ripped ligaments in his knee at Walthamstow. Brilliant in the air and a perfect foil to Horseman, Keith never quite recaptured his old form when he recovered from injury and yet still managed to score some fine goals. Scored 24 in all during 40 matches.

LARRY PRITCHARD took over the captaincy when John Delaney joined Bournemouth and skipped the side by personal example. At times dropped below his extremely high standard but showed his versatility by playing upfront and getting the Blues back to form when they needed it most. Was playing some of the best football of his career towards the end of the term. Played in all but one league match making 61 appearances overall, scoring 16 goals.

JOHN MASKELL kept a "clean sheet" on no less than 21 occasions. John is now approaching the limelight of his career and tended to stay on his line too often this season. His two errors against Walton, should not hide his general consistency, however. Played 43 matches.

KEVIN RAINE signed from Wokingham and filled in well when Maskell was injured, although prone to make occasional mistakes. Fourteen appearances.

ROGER GRANT joined from Enfield at the start of the season and made more appearances than anyone else — 65. Made the left back spot his own. His fierce tackling sometimes gave away too many free kicks but he rarely had a bad game. Scored one goal.

PAUL BIRDSEYE returned to Loakes Park after a short spell at Hungerford and when on form, played some excellent football. Struggled to find a consistent standard at times, however. Made 22 appearances, scoring twice.

KEITH MEAD was one of Wycombe's major signings in the season. An England player, Keith formed a formidable partnership with Bullock in the centre of defence without ever quite realising his full potential. Made 28 appearances, scoring two goals.

PHIL WOOD was the man Mead replaced at Centre back. Phil must have felt a little hard done by to lose his place but became the utility defender

TONY HORSEMAN, now in his 33rd year, became the league's top goalscorer and played better than ever this season. His flicks and nudges brought many goals for his colleagues while his passing was of the highest standard. On this form "Bodger" could (and should) go on forever. Played 52 matches and scored 42 goals.

DYLAN EVANS signed on from Cheltenham this term and was an automatic choice for the headlines when scoring all four goals for the Blues at Walthamstow. Lost confidence later in the season, however, and struggled to knit into the team. Scored 16 goals in 31 matches.

TONY PRICE, who is studying at Oxford University next year is a fine prospect. Represented England Youth and has lots of skill. Played only 12 games, scoring five goals.

Another player to be hit by injury was **IAN RUNDLE** who suffered from meningitis. A Wycombe stalwart, "Yan" played just 11 matches but could be counted on to give 100 per cent every time.

GRAHAM MACKENZIE is another young player with outstanding prospects. Played for England Schoolboys this season but owing to his size, was unable to gain a regular place in the team. Scored three times in 19 appearances.

ROB WILLIAMS decided to join Enfield mid-way through the season having played in 29 matches. Other players to leave were **PETER ANDERSON** who won a losers Amateur Cup medal with Ilford and **TONY BROTHERS** who joined Hitchin (18 appearances).

Other players appearances in brackets: D. Woodbridge (2), P. Barron (3), D. Wright (7), P. Griffiths (3), K. Swain (1), P. Spittle (1), B. Bremer (1), G. Roberts (1), D. Barber (1), J. Hutchison (1), P. Rogers (1).